

**TOWN OF DARIEN - MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Jane Branigan, Chairman; Charlie Goodyear; Vin Burke;
Marianne Gutierrez

STAFF: Susan Swiatek, Director; Jim Coghlan, Assistant Director

OTHER: Peter Hovell, Weed Beach Building Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Branigan called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. There was no quorum, so no votes were taken. It was a discussion-only meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 20, 2009

No vote was taken.

STATUS REPORT ON WEED BEACH MASTER PLAN
GUEST: PETER HOVELL, CHAIRMAN WBBC

Mr. Hovell reported that the sewer line was backfilled and the sewer line connection was approved. CL&P and the telephone company will be called in to do their part of the project, which includes removing the telephone poles and running the wires. The sailor's building needs two split rails and possibly some more planting.

The playground end of the beach is looking great and is almost complete. The bricks that have been ordered will be delivered in mid-July, along with the filler bricks. The sand has been delivered, and in compliance with ADA and OSHA standards, there will be a foot of sand installed, along with poured-in-place rubber. This portion of the project will wait until all other work is complete. The swings have been installed, and the final completion date for this portion of the project is Tuesday, June 23.

Mr. Hovell spoke about the survey, and said that Town Counsel is looking at the old contract to determine the Town's rights. Ms. Swiatek said that she received a call from Redniss & Mead, who indicated that there was an error in the original drawing, and as a result, the storm drains were marked incorrectly. They will come back to recheck everything and send a new survey, which will outline what occurred in the old survey. More discussion took place regarding the survey and the project.

DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING THE WEED BEACH BUILDING COMMITTEE

A suggestion was made to have more members on the Weed Beach Building Committee. Discussion continued regarding the suggestion, and a recommendation was made that a contractor/project manager-type person and a numbers-based person become part of the committee. It was further suggested that the people recommended to join the committee be identified prior to the next meeting, at which time the Commission will vote on this matter.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON GIFT DONATION FROM THE GARDEN CLUB OF DARIEN
FOR WEED BEACH**

No vote was taken.

REPORTS

a) Director

Ms. Swiatek read from her written report, saying that she has been interviewing candidates for the Senior Center Coordinator position, and they should be making a decision shortly. Ms. Swiatek said that Chris Dillmer, President of Friends of Selleck's Woods, has applied for, and received, a free environmental survey of Selleck's Woods and the adjacent property. She suggested that when the survey was completed, Chris should receive a big thank-you for his initiative in this effort.

b) Assistant Director

Mr. Coghlan provided his report, mentioning that the spring and summer registration numbers are higher than last year, and the beaches are open. Everything is up and running.

c) Chairman

There was no Chairman report.

d) Playground by the Sound

There was no Playground by the Sound report.

OTHER BUSINESS (TWO-THIRDS VOTE)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting July 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.; Darien Town Hall, Room 119

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telesco Secretarial Services

